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1. On 18 October 1952 [redacted] a Central Transportation Commission, composed of representatives of the East German railroads, shipping, and motor traffic, had been established at the Ministry of Traffic. The Central Transportation Commission is charged with the mission of exploiting the most economic utilization of existing railroad, shipping, and motor transport facilities for freight haulage. The commission is vested with full authority to cancel all haulage contracts and to designate specific shipments to be moved by rail, road or water.<sup>1</sup>

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1. Comment. The establishment of this Central Transportation Commission was hailed in the East German press as a solution to the shortage of railroad cars. The commission will be vested with dictatorial authority in all questions relating to transportation. Branch offices of the transportation commission were established in all regional railroad headquarters and sub-district offices.

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